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(C) On August 29, Poloff delivered reftel points to Ayesha Farhat, Assistant Director for the United Nations Division at the MFA, concerning the Kosovo International Court of Justice (ICJ) resolution at UNGA. Farhat noted that Pakistan has yet to recognize Kosovo as an independent entity and would remain "neutral" on the issue until otherwise directed by the Organization of Islamic Council (OIC). She explained to Poloff that this issue was raised within the OIC at the recently held Dakar Summit and assumed that the issue would be raised again at the OIC Ministerial Meeting to be held in New York during the upcoming UNGA session. However, she reiterated that Pakistan would not take a stance on the issue until (when/if) the OIC took a stance on the issue. PATTERSON